

ORDINANCE NO. 1624

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN CARLOS RETITLING AND AMENDING
SAN CARLOS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.04.110 F (6)(a) TO DESIGNATE
FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES FOR LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREAS
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE
PROTECTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51178.

SECTION 1: Findings. The City Council of the City of San Carlos does hereby find and declares as follows:

SECTION 2: The City Council hereby approves the Municipal Code amendments as shown below with additional text underlined (example) and deleted text in strikeout (~~example~~):

SAN CARLOS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.04.110 F

6. Chapter 49—Requirements for Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Areas.

a. Section 4901.1. Amended to include:

VERY HIGH DESIGNATION OF FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES MAP:

The City Council hereby adopts and designates ~~the most recent Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones map~~ as recommended by the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and as designated on map titled “City of San Carlos – San Mateo County Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map” dated February 24, 2025, and retained on file, or via the internet, and made available at the offices of the Fire Chief and Building Official of the City of San Carlos. ~~The map is also available on the city’s website. Buildings and structures shall comply with the provisions as stipulated by the City of San Carlos Building Official, the California Building Code Chapter 7A, or the California Residential Code Section R337.~~

SECTION 3: CEQA. This Ordinance is exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

SECTION 4: Severability. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph, and section by section, and does hereby declare that any provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if for any reason any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: Publication and Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published and posted according to law and shall take effect and be in force from and after 30 days after its passage and adoption.

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I, City Clerk Crystal Mui, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on the 27th day of May, 2025 and passed and adopted as an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Carlos at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9th day of June, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CITY CLERK of the City of San Carlos

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of San Carlos

Exhibit A: San Carlos Fire Map